

## TRACTION MEN NOT SATISFIED

Members of Union Declared  
to Be Opposed to Pres-  
ent Conditions.

## COMPANIES SURPRISED

Officials Say Majority of Men Who  
Present Demands for Better Pay  
Are Discharged Employees.

Members of the newly formed union of local street railway employees denied last night the statements of the heads of the Washington Railway and Electric and the Capital Traction companies to the effect that their men are satisfied.

"They may believe what they say, but I know from experience and from mingling with the men that they are not satisfied with present working conditions," said one member of the union.

J. H. Hanna, general manager of the Capital Traction Company, denied last night that two of the three men who presented the demands to the Capital Traction Company for the union were discharged on that account. One of them, he said, was dismissed two weeks ago, and the other was ordered dismissed before the company knew of the demands.

The announcement yesterday morning that the motormen and conductors of the city were secretly organized into Division No. 683, of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees came as a complete surprise.

The demands submitted yesterday call for wages of 30 cents an hour, for shorter hours, and the establishment of a board of arbitration.

The maximum wage paid by the Capital Traction Company is 22-1/2 cents an hour, and by the Washington Railway and Electric Company 25 cents an hour. Resin Orr, treasurer of the international body, said 1,900 have been enrolled in the local union.

George E. Hamilton, president of the Capital Traction Company, and Clarence P. King, of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, issued statements yesterday afternoon declaring that they have been willing to discuss with their employees any complaints of treatment, but that they were not aware of any dissatisfaction on the part of the men at this time.

It is expected the companies will make known their replies to the demands in a few days.

In its statement the Washington Railway and Electric Company says three of the four men who presented the demands to them were discharged employees.

Only the night before the demands were made the Washington Railway and Electric Company voluntarily increased its rate of contribution to the employees' relief association, and also reduced the retirement law, so that the men may now retire after fifteen years of service instead of twenty years, as heretofore.

## GEORGETOWN FRAT MEN DINE.

Kappa Gamma Holds Banquet at New Willard.

The members of the Kappa Gamma Phi fraternity of Georgetown College held their banquet at the New Willard last night. The occasion was enhanced by the presence of many of last year's football stars, among whom were John Petritz, Oriand Leighty, and Andrew Dempsey. The fraternity has many illustrious sons of Georgetown as its members. John C. McNamara, former president of the athletic association; George Lee, former baseball manager; William Fulton, former manager of minor sports; Edwin O'Boyle and William Cullinan being a few of last year's celebrities. The active members present at the banquet were:

William Butler, Edwin Cass, Gerald Curry, Daniel Daly, Gardner Duffy, William Feeney, Frederick Flanigan, Thomas Gurry, William Harrington, Leo Klausberg, Leonard Page, Charles Reynolds, Oliver Cabana, Raphael Devlin, George Hamilton, James Rea, Leonard Scudle, Henry Kewsey, John Lancaster, James McNulty, Michael Berardini and Charles Royer.

## Y. W. C. A. Raises \$3,741.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association, Fourteenth and G streets, yesterday afternoon, it was announced that \$3,741.55 of the \$10,000 fund has been raised in the few days the financial campaign has been on.

The four committees under the direction of Mrs. William Hamilton Bayley, Mrs. Frank G. Wilkins, Mrs. Herbert F. Day and Mrs. Fred E. Wright reported that conditions were encouraging and that prospects were promising.

## Dent School Mothers Elect.

Mrs. C. H. Butler was elected president of the Dent School Mothers' Club at the February meeting. Other officers elected were: Mrs. D. J. Sullivan, vice president; Mrs. George W. Clarvoe, secretary, and Mrs. White, treasurer. "Ideal—the Mother's Viewpoint" will be the subject of discussion by the members at the March meeting, to be held tomorrow.

## Defective Flue Causes Fire

A dwelling at Fifty-fourth street and Logan avenue northeast, occupied by Christian Dean, about 11:30 o'clock last night was damaged to the extent of about \$1,200 by fire originating from a defective flue.

## ECONOMIC CLUB WILL DISCUSS WORLD PEACE

Prominent Officials to Speak at First  
Dinner of Organization at Wil-  
lard on Saturday.

"What Steps Can the United States  
Take Toward Insuring a Permanent  
Peace?"

This question will be discussed by William J. Bryan and other prominent persons representing all viewpoints of the preparedness question at the first dinner of the Economic Club of Washington at the Willard Saturday night.

The club, which is part of a national movement for the free discussion of political and economic problems of the day in a nonpartisan manner, was

recently organized. There is no initiation fee. Dues are \$10 a year, with no charge to members for the dinners which are to be held from time to time.

The organization committee of the club consists of Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, Alexander Britton, lawyer; Henry Breckinridge, former Assistant Secretary of War; Frank B. Noyes, publicist; J. H. Blount, lawyer; Representative Warren W. Bailey, of Pennsylvania; S. W. Woodward, merchant; Carl Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; Evans Browne, lawyer; P. P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education; Charles Wood, and Senator Thomas Sterling.

Among the charter members of the club are: Martin A. Knapp, Edward Keating, R. W. Woolley, Louis F. Post, Thomas Ewing, George Otis Smith, Charles A. Prouty, Josiah A. van Ordel, E. E. Pratt, C. C. Dill, Merrill Moore, Dr. John Trask, Admiral C. H. Stockton, Fred K. Nielsen, C. K. Berryman, Charles L. Fraley, Milan V. Ayres, W. S. Corby, Dr. G. L. G. Anderson, Lester A. Barr, Joseph W. Folk, Charles D. Drayton, W. B. Bryan,

A. S. Worthington, Frank Bond, Rev. John Van Schaick, Rev. LeGrand Powers, Rev. J. F. Wenchell, Rev. Clarence H. Vincent, Rev. H. E. Brundage, Rev. Edwin C. Dinwiddie, Jesse E. Pope, Dr. Robert C. Rudy, Charles Sumner Davis, A. P. Bourland, Dr. Tom A. Williams, A. Lister, John C. Letts, Howard S. Gott, S. P. Heilprin, W. Jett Lauck, Henry P. Blair, M. M. Parker, John H. James, Richard Crane, Dr. John C. Simpson, Prof. Frank O'Hara, John R. Swanton, Clement L. Bouve and W. F. Berland.

## Brownlow for More Parks.

District Commissioner Louis Brownlow yesterday endorsed activities of the Board of Trade toward procuring the Patterson and Dean tracts of land as public parks, before the board's committee on parks and avenues at a meeting in the organization's headquarters.

According to an English scientist, men go to sleep more quickly than women, but sleep less soundly, and, when in normal health, not as long.

## MISSIONARY CONGRESS MEETS HERE IN APRIL

Sessions Will Be Climax of Nation-  
wide Movement—Will Rival Edin-  
burgh Conference.

Plans that are expected to exert a profound influence upon missionary activities of the next decade will be discussed at the second Men's Missionary Congress, to be held in Washington April 26 to 30. The sessions of the Congress will be held in Memorial Continental Hall, opening Wednesday, April 26, and closing Sunday night, April 30.

The congress, which has been arranged as a climax to the great missionary movement held throughout the United States during the years

1915-1916, is expected to be the biggest gathering that has been held to face new world conditions of opportunity and need since the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh.

The executive committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement is composed of James M. Spers, chairman; Lt.-Col. E. W. Halford, vice-chairman; Eben E. Olcott, treasurer, and William F. Cochran, N. F. Davidson, J. H. Gundy, Harry Wade Hicks, Frank A. Horne, George Innes, J. Edgar Leaycraft, Joshua Levering, Alfred E. Marling, Silas McBee, John R. Mott, John R. Pepper, James H. Post, N. W. Rowell, Charles A. Rowland, William J. Schieffelin, Joseph N. Shenstone, S. R. Smith, Robert E. Speer, William C. Stoever, E. B. Sturges, Samuel Thorne, Jr., J. Campbell White, S. W. Woodward and William B. Mijlar, general secretary; Fred B. Fisher, associate general secretary, and W. E. Doughty, educational secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Sills, of Richmond, are spending a few weeks in Washington with friends and relatives.



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